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slidingly movable in the direction of the shaft axis of the other shaft end,

wherein the ball is resiliently mounted in the socket, and wherein the socket receives a slide bushing.

21. Joint according to claim 20,

wherein the bushing is held by a tumbler guide, the bushing being preferably enveloped at least partially by the tumbler guide.

22. Joint according to claim 20,

wherein the resilient mounting includes metal springs, preferably plate springs.

23. Joint according to claim 21,

wherein the resilient mounting includes is metal springs, preferably plate springs.

24. Joint according to claim 20,

wherein the resilient mounting includes elastomeric spring pads, preferably with annular pads between washers of, for example, metal.

25. Joint according to claim 23,

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wherein the plate springs are biased against the tumbler guide, so that the shaft axis, when in the unstressed position, is aligned with the axis of the tumbler guide.

26. Joint according to any one of the foregoing claims,

wherein the bushing consists of a sintered metal, preferably with a supporting sleeve or a lubricant coating.

sub cg 27. Joint according to claim 20,

wherein the bushing is slotted such that it is resiliently movable in a radial direction.

28. Joint according to claim 21,

wherein the bushing envelops the ball in a wear- and tolerance-equalizing manner in any working position, the bushing being installed in the tumbler guide with clearance approaching zero.

sub cg 29. Joint according to claim 21,

wherein in an end portion of a fork, an annular chamber is formed to accommodate pre-biased resilient structure disposed between a first abutment on the fork side and a second abutment on the tumbler guide, so that the tumbler guide can tumble

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resiliently about the shaft axis in case of radial action by a force.

30. Joint according to claim 21,

wherein the bushing is held in an axial direction at at least one end by the tumbler guide, preferably by a rim or by claws.

31. Joint according to claim 21,

wherein, between the bushing and the tumbler guide, a plastic sleeve, preferably slotted and tapered, and preferably of POM is provided, and it is preferably under pressure by a spring.

32. Joint according to claim 21,

wherein a plastic sliding guide is provided between the socket and the ball such that it receives the ball for rotational movement and is carried for sliding movement in the axial direction by the socket, the guide being preferably injection-molded directly onto the ball.

33. Joint according to claim 32,

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wherein the socket has spring-finger-like structure on its circumference and resiliently grips the plastic sliding guide between ball and the socket.

34. Joint according to claim 32,

wherein the plastic sliding guide is enveloped in an outer wall area by a pre-biased plastic spring which slides in the socket, this spring preferably having slots in its circumference, so that it can breathe in the radial direction.

35. Joint according to claim 33,

wherein the plastic sliding guide is enveloped in an outer wall area by a pre-biased plastic spring which slides in the socket, this spring preferably having slots in its circumference, so that it can breathe in the radial direction.

36. Joint according to claim 20,

wherein on an inner wall of the housing an abutment structure is provided for the ball and the socket.

37. Joint according to claim 36,

wherein the abutment structure is so configured that the ball and the socket define given allowable positions in all extreme joint deflections and in the case of assembly, the